



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313 on:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.111
Patent Application
Docket No. SPO-111D1
Serial No. 10/641,728

Sept. 15, 2003

David Saliwanchik

David R. Saliwanchik, Patent Attorney

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Shinya Ikematsu, Yoshihiro Yoshida, Kenji Kadomatsu, Munehiro Oda, Sadatoshi Sakuma, Kin-ya Ashida, Kohsuke Kino, Takashi Muramatsu

Serial No. : 10/641,728

Date Filed : August 13, 2003

For : Therapeutic Agents For Apoptosis-Related Diseases

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendments
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: